

1 **ABSTRACT**

2 An event-handling system identifies multiple policies to be combined
3 together in a merged policy set. The system determines whether any conflicts
4 exist between the multiple policies. Any non-conflicting policies are included in
5 the merged policy set. The system resolves conflicting policies by selecting a
6 preferred policy and including the preferred policy in the merged policy set. The
7 preferred policy is selected by arranging conflicting policy templates in order from
8 global policies to local policies and determining the intersection of the conflicting
9 policy templates. The preferred policy template is selected based on the policy
10 template closest to the local policies and within the intersection of the conflicting
11 policy templates.